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Addendum

91/__. United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office

The Governing Council,

Taking note of the report of the Administrator on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office (DP/1991/45) and of the views expressed during the debate in the Governing Council,

Recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989, included the "protection and management of land resources by, inter alia, combating deforestation, desertification and drought" among the issues of major concern and accorded greater attention to drought and desertification in the goals and objectives of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

1. Notes the progress achieved by the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in fulfilling its mandate;

2. Encourages the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office to continue, in full coordination with the country programming process and in line with General Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989, to assist the efforts of Governments in the establishment of sectoral strategies for the protection, rehabilitation and management of natural productive resources;

3. Takes note of the important contribution of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office in assisting the countries of the Sudano-Sahelian region in their preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and encourages the Office to continue and intensify its efforts in this area;

4. Encourages the Administrator, in close cooperation with the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office, to facilitate the exchange of information on experience gained from the activities of the Office in the Sudano-Sahelian region in order to assist countries of other regions of Africa which are subject to drought and desertification;

5. Renews its appeal to Governments and organizations to initiate, continue or increase contributions to the general resources of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office as well as to earmarked project activities and to make use of its services;

6. Requests the Administrator to report biennially to the Governing Council on the activities of the United Nations Sudano-Sahelian Office.